

Northern Virginia Regional Identification System

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Fund/Agency: 703/48		Northern Virginia Regional Identification System
Personnel Services	\$0	This CAPS accounts for 100 percent of total expenditures.
Operating Expenses	\$177,122	
Recovered Costs	\$0	
Capital Equipment	\$281,749	
Total CAPS Cost:	\$458,871	
Federal Revenue	\$0	
State Revenue	\$0	
User Fee Revenue	\$0	
Other Revenue	\$270,546	
Total Revenue:	\$270,546	
Net CAPS Cost:	\$188,325	
Positions/SYE involved in the delivery of this CAPS	0/0	

► CAPS Summary

The Northern Virginia Regional Identification System (NOVARIS) is designed to utilize state-of-the-art computer equipment to identify criminals by categorizing and matching fingerprints. The system has direct communication with existing systems in Maryland's Montgomery and Prince George's Counties and the District of Columbia. It enables police to match a fingerprint found at the scene of a crime with any individual who has been arrested in the metropolitan Washington area by comparing the print or partial print with all prints in the data base. The participating jurisdictions in NOVARIS are the City of Alexandria, Arlington County, the City of Fairfax, Fairfax County, the City of Falls Church, Prince William County, Prince George's County, and Montgomery County. The system is housed in Fairfax County and staffed by personnel contributed by the participating jurisdictions. NOVARIS became a contributory agency in FY 1984 when the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors authorized the County's participation and signed the contractual agreement.

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The Fairfax County office of NOVARIS is a section of the Technical Services Bureau of the Police Department. It is responsible for the correct completion of all criminal arrest documents required by the Central Criminal Records Exchange (CCRE). All Criminal fingerprint cards are maintained by means of both a manual file and Automated Fingerprint Identification System (AFIS). These files validate the Fairfax County Criminal History information by establishing positive identification through fingerprints; fingerprints are the only infallible means of identification. The Fairfax County NOVARIS is also the latent, crime scene, fingerprint repository as all fingerprint evidence is stored there. The NOVARIS staff are qualified fingerprint examiners who, both manually and with the assistance of the fingerprint computer, make criminal identifications.

NOVARIS also maintains fingerprint cards on solicitors, hackers, pawnshop workers, and gun store clerks. NOVARIS assists in the identification of unknown individuals who either refuse to provide identification to the police or who are dead. Individuals using an alias who are identified by the NOVARIS staff by means of fingerprints are in many cases wanted criminals. The Fairfax County NOVARIS also does all the fingerprint identification work for the towns of Herndon and Vienna.

► **Method of Service Provision**

Provided directly by County employees.

► **Mandate Information**

This CAPS is Federally or State mandated. The percentage of this CAPS' resources utilized to satisfy the mandate is 76 - 100%. The specific Federal or State code and a brief description of the code follows:

- Code of Virginia 19.2-392: Fingerprints and Photographs by Police Authorities.